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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS

1. ON FEB 26, GOA ANNOUNCED ALMOST ALL RESULTS OF
VOTING TO FILL 261 SEATS OF NEW NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY.
ELECTION DAY WAS FEB 25 THROUGHOUT COUNTRY EXCEPT IN A
FEW REMOTE AREAS IN WHICH BALLOTING HAD BEGUN EARLIER
IN WEEK. RESULTS PUBLISHED FEB 26 SHOW THAT 259 SEATS
ARE FILLED WITH RESULTS IN TWO CONSTITUENCIES YET TO COME.

2. OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW THAT 6,037,537 OF ALGERIA'S
7,960,000 VOTERS CAST BALLOTS. THIS PERCENTAGE, 78.5,
LOWER THAN THOSE IN NATIONAL CHARTER AND CONSTITUTIONAL
REFERENDUMS AND IN ONE-MAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
BETWEEN 90 AND 95 PERCENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS SAID TO HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER EXERCISES.

3. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO VISITED POLLING PLACES
FEB 25 REPORT THAT TURNOUT EXTREMELY LIGHT AND, ON
BASIS OF LIMITED SAMPLING, DOUBT THAT ANYTHING LIKE
78.5 PERCENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN FACT WENT TO POLLS.
ELECTION OFFICIALS WITH WHOM CORRESPONDENTS SPOKE
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FREELY ADMITTED THAT TURNOUT WAS LIGHTER THAN IN
PREVIOUS BALLOTING. NEITHER CANDIDATES NOR THEIR
REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT AT POLLS, AND PUBLIC
INTEREST IN PROCEEDING APPEARED MINIMAL.

4. ALGERIAN ESTABLISHMENT DID NOT DO AS WELL AS MIHT
HAVE BEEN EXPECTED IN THIS CLOSED ELECTION. ALTHOUGH

ALL SIX MINISTERS RUNNING LED SLATES IN THEIR
CONSTITUENCIES, A NUMBER OF OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL OF VETERANS ORGANIZATION,
WERE DEFEATED.

5. COMMENT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION THIS PASSES
INTO HISTORY WITHOUT MUCH CONTROVERSY. REGIME KEPT
ALMOST ALL OF WHATEVER "ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN" THERE MAY
HAVE BEEN BEHIND CLOSED FLN DOORS, AND VOTERS THEREFORE
HAD LITTLE IDEA OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. FINAL TOUCH OF MYSTERY
WAS BALLOT WHICH OMITTED EVEN THE AGE AND TWO-
WORD BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES. THIS INFORMATION HAD
BEEN PUBLISHED EARLIER.

6 WITH EXCEPTION OF LONG AWAITED FLN CONGRESS,
ALGERIAN POLITICAL INSTITUTION BUILDING PROCESS NOW
COMPLETE. NEXT EVENTS IN THIS SLOW-MOVING POLITICAL
DRAMA WILL BE MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE AND SELECTION OF
ASSEMBLY OFFICER. SO FAR, THESE PROSPECTIVE MOVES
HAVE AROUSED LITTLE INTEREST OR SPECULATION.

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